

ROOT DISCUSSES RAILROAD BILL

Defends the Merger Provision as
Being a Great Advance Over
The Existing Law.

FAVORS TRAFFIC AGREEMENT

Against Letting Commission Suspend
Rates Fixed by Road Without
An Investigation.

Washington, March 31.—Commanding the careful attention of a majority of his colleagues, Senator Root today consumed three hours in continuing his speech in defense of the administration railroad bill before the senate. He again failed to conclude his remarks. He defended the merger provision of the bill as a great advance over existing law, as it made the purchase of one company's stock by another an offense, while, he argued, such acquisition was not now illegal, except as part of a conspiracy.

He also supported the traffic agreement section, but expressed a willingness to require such agreements to be dependent on the approval of the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Root emphasized the provision permitting traffic agreements as of special importance. He declared the present prohibitive act provoked its own violation. This course was most demoralizing, and should not be encouraged by failing to put it in the power of the railroads to observe the law, and still make their agreements. It was better to have the railroads voluntarily conform to the law than to have them forced to do so, he said.

INSISTS ON COMPETITION.

"We insist upon competition," he continued, "but we prohibit such competition as we think injurious, and we forbid the railroads themselves may be better able to enforce the law than can any officer in Washington."

He argued in many matters the railroads were practically required to enter into agreements, and so long as this was true, he said, it was absolutely necessary the railroads be authorized to come together. To do this would be to wipe out an anomaly and abuse.

In reply to an inquiry from Mr. Rayner, Mr. Root said he would favor an amendment requiring that agreements among railroads have the approval of the interstate commerce commission before going into effect. He did not, however, regard the addition as of particular importance. "The only reason for its inclusion would be to avoid misunderstanding," he said. The commission, however, was considered by the opponents of the bill as very important.

SUSPENSION OF RATES.

Mr. Root said he never would consent to give to the commission the right to suspend a rate fixed by a railroad without investigation. He would not consent that any official should fix the railroad rate, but was willing the government should supervise rates. To do more would be to change from the American to the European system, he said, with government ownership inevitably following.

"We all desire the extension of our system, but we will never say to the capital of the country we encourage its investment only to concentrate its control in Washington," said Mr. Root.

Mr. Cummins asked whether there was any difference in principle in giving the commission power to suspend rates for 30 days for investigation, and giving it power to make an indefinite suspension.

"The power to render indefinite suspension is the power to render final judgment," he said. Mr. Root said, "whereas the power of temporary suspension is like the granting of a temporary injunction. The power to suspend indefinitely is like the granting of a permanent injunction. The power to suspend indefinitely is like the granting of a permanent injunction. The power to suspend indefinitely is like the granting of a permanent injunction."

Mr. Root replied there would be found a vast difference between state and government ownership. The chief function of ownership was the fixing of rates, he said, and he argued if the state could fix rates it could reduce them to a political level. It might be necessary to take absolute control.

Mr. Aldrich asked Mr. Root whether he was in favor of giving the interstate commerce commission power to fix the rates on all the railroads of Georgia. Mr. Root replied he would not favor turning over control of all the railroads to the commission.

AS TO MERGER.

Mr. Root contended the merger section of the bill did not interfere with the operation of the anti-trust act. He declared the supreme court decision in the Northern Securities case had not held the purchase of stock to be contrary to the anti-trust law.

On the contrary, it had explicitly held that Congress could not control the mere acquisition of stock of a railroad corporation. The offense was in the conspiracy, and it might not always be that the purchase of stock was in pursuance of a conspiracy. If so, it was not always easy to prove the facts. He said this bill would relieve the government of the necessity of finding a conspiracy.

"This," he exclaimed, "is merely an advance from theory to practice. It is an advance from newspaper dissertations to definite legislation. The serious question is whether, under our constitution, we can say the railroad corporations of any state shall not purchase the stock of a corporation of another state. The question is whether it is not an infringement of the rights of the states over their own creations."

He was inclined, however, to believe the courts would not sustain an acquisition of stock, because it bears so close a relation to restraint of trade. Nevertheless, he regarded it as "the greatest, the noblest and the most radical step yet taken by Congress in the regulation of commerce."

Mr. Bailey asked to agree entirely with Mr. Root as to the tenor of the decision in the Northern Securities case.

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DOMINATION OF THE EASTERN STATES

Pres. Taft Says Reason Is That They Keep Men in Office When They Place Them There.

Washington, March 31.—President Taft, in an address before the Ohio Society of Washington tonight, pointed out that the domination of eastern states in Congress lies in the fact that they keep men in office when they place them there. He contrasted the influence of the east in legislative affairs with that of the west.

"Why is it," asked the president, "that the small states of the east exercise so much power in Congress? It is not because an eastern man has any more capacity in the matter of legislation than a western man. It is because when the eastern states get a good representative they keep him as long as he lives, and then he has an influence that vastly exceeds the mere numerical representative of population."

"I don't know whether this is quite germane to the subject of this occasion, but I feel as though we are all interested in having Ohio make herself felt in the legislation of this country by adopting a system that will certainly bring about the weight she is entitled to."

When the president had concluded, Senator Dick, who was on the platform, grasped his hand and shook it enthusiastically. The senator, whose term expires with this Congress and who has a hard fight ahead for reelection, said something to Mr. Taft, who laughed aloud and said to the assemblage of men and women from his native state:

"Senator Dick has just told me that he heartily endorsed everything I have said on this subject."

The president was the guest of honor at a meeting called to organize an Ohio society in Washington. Judge William R. Day presided and subsequently was elected president of the society.

"There is only one thing I want to say about Ohio that has a political tinge," he said, "and that is, I think a mistake has been made of recent years in Ohio in failing to continue as our representatives the same people term after term. I am for continuing the representation as we have it, so that the representatives shall be the foremost in both halls of the legislature."

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Great assortment of patterns in every conceivable style and coloring at 15c, 20c and 25c. See our immense line of domestic and imported wall papers.

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PLAN TO REMOVE PITTSBURG'S HUMP.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 1.—Mayor William M. Magee's signature is now the only thing necessary to start work on the removal of Pittsburg's "hump" and raising the low-lying streets above flood level. The "hump" is Grant's hill, an historic site of Indian battles and later a park, but which is now a hilly portion of the downtown business districts. Its removal will cost several million dollars, for which a bond issue has been provided, and will mean a considerable increase in the valuation of property now lying over the hill. The ordinance authorizing contracts for cutting down the "hump" were passed by council late last night. The mayor is known to be ready to sign them. The "hump" removal campaign has been waged for years.

Many requests from Catarrh sufferers who use atomizers have caused us to put up Liquid Cream Balm, a new and convenient form of Ely's Cream Balm, the only remedy for Catarrh which can always be depended on. In power to allay inflammation, to cleanse the clogged air-passages, to promote free, natural breathing, the two forms of Cream Balm are alike. Liquid Cream Balm is sold by all druggists for 75 cents, including spraying tube. Mailed by Ely Bros., 55 Warren Street, New York.

CONFERENCE SPECIAL TRAINS.

VIA SALT LAKE ROUTE.
April 1st, 2nd and 3rd Salt Lake City to Payson and intermediate points leaving Union Station 11:15 p. m.

April 2nd, 3rd and 4th Payson and intermediate stations to Salt Lake City, arriving Union Station 9:50 a. m.

April 1st to 6th inclusive Salt Lake City to Nephi leaving Union Station 4:10 p. m. and returning arrive Union Station 12:30 p. m.

Call at City Ticket Office 169 Main Street, or see agents, Salt Lake Route, for further information.

MILLIONS OF LADYBUGS FOR IMPERIAL VALLEY

Los Angeles, Cal., April 1.—Millions of ladybugs are receiving free transportation on the various railroads as guests of the Well-Park Express company while traveling from the state insectary at Sacramento to the million fields of the Imperial valley. These consignments have passed through to Los Angeles en route to El Centro and other valley points where they will be turned loose to browse upon aphides and other insect pests that harm the melon crops.

There are on hand in the insectary at Sacramento 52,000,000 ladybugs weighing in the aggregate more than a ton. These are to be distributed free among farmers who apply for them.

KEITH-O'BRIEN Co.

Visitors to Conference will find this Store one of the Interesting Features of their trip.



This Store will close at 6 p. m. Saturday.

SHOP EARLY PLEASE

Remember the new way!

No shopping anymore Saturday night!

Shop early in the day.

It's better all around so do right!

Tonight, early to bed,

Restful sleep, peaceful dreams, early arise;

Don't wait but come ahead,

You'll find it convenient, proper and wise!

Shop early Saturday,

For the store'll be busy all afternoon.

Some are sure to delay

But you be different by shopping soon!

The big Saturday business which this store usually did from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. must now be crowded into shorter hours. Shop early. The store closes at 6 p. m.

No trip to the city is complete which does not include a visit to Keith-O'Brien's. Special reductions throughout the store.



Dorothy Dainty RIBBON SETS at Greatly Reduced Prices

A special line of ribbons in all colors with values to 50c. Sale price 25c.

A line of ribbons in fancy and plain colors—about six inches wide—good for trimming hats as well as for hair bands. Good values, 15c yard.

Something new in ready made ribbon sashes. In plain and fancy colors—prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$3.00, with values up to \$5.00.

VAL LACES

A new line of Val. Laces, suitable for children's clothes and also for underwear. To be sold by the bolt only. Worth up to 50c a bolt. Special 25c a bolt.

A special on Imitation gold and silver cloth. Worth up to \$2.50 a yard. Special \$1.35 a yard.

All-over laces in cream and white, pretty new patterns, 18 inches wide. Worth up to \$1.50 a yard. Special 85c a yard.

EMBROIDERY FLOUNCING

54-inch embroidery flouncing in new and pretty designs—both open and closed patterns. Everyone should have at least one or two white dresses—Why not take advantage of this big sale and get values up to three and four dollars for 98c, \$1.25 and \$1.35?

Some exceptionally good values in corset cover embroidery:

One splendid line at 35 cents

One splendid line at 50 cents.

One splendid line at 50 cents.

ALL-OVER EMBROIDERY

Two new line of all-over embroidery are offered at exceedingly low prices. The patterns are exceptionally pretty in both open and closed designs. They are used this summer for the entire dresses as well as the shirt waist.

Extremely pretty for the new Russian and over-skirt styles, so much in vogue this season.

One line with values up to \$1.00. Special 50c.

Another 27-inch embroidery flouncing with \$2 values. Special 98c.

In new and pretty patterns in the flit and shadow work. We have this flouncing at two prices—One line at 65c; another at 75c.

Splendid values in the 18-inch flouncing at 40c and 50c the yard.

TRAVELING MAN'S SAMPLE OF LACES AND TRIMMINGS.

All-overs, bandings, and medallions. In assorted lots, from 5c to 49c each.

Saturday Specials from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

This store will close at 6 p. m.—the forenoon is the time to shop—the afternoon will be busy.

Butter-milk toilet soap, 3 cakes in a box, worth 25c a box, our price is 15c a box; Conference price is only 5c a box.

Hand mirrors—should bring 25c, Conference price 10c.

Hair brushes, the regular prices are 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Conference price, while they last, 50c.

Hard rubber dressing combs, they are 35c and 50c. Conference price is, only 25c.

Tooth brushes, all kinds, sell regularly for 15c, 20c and 25c. Conference price, only 10c.

Hand and nail brushes, the regular prices are 25c, 35c and 50c. The Conference price is 15c.

Chapped hand lotion, regular 25c. Conference price 15c.

A 50c box of stationery with your initial—Conference price 25c.

A 50c box of rice powder for Conference price 15c.

LEATHER GOODS

We have selected from our immense stock of ladies' leather hand bags, about 40 which have been selling for \$4, \$5 and \$6. To close out this lot of 40, the Conference price will be \$2.45 each.

Elastic silk and fancy beltings, the regular prices are 3c, 5c and 7c an inch. Conference price is only 1c an inch.

We still have about 8 dozen ladies' front pad supporters that are worth 25c and 50c. To close out the entire lot, the Conference price will be 10c a pair.

Hair braid, all shades, buy as much as you like for 2c an inch.

Silk hair nets, 10c or 3 for 25c.

In the Jewelry Section

50c hat pins 25c
75c hat pins 50c
\$1.00 necklaces 50c
\$2.00 necklaces \$1.00
50c Brooches 25c
\$1.00 Brooches 50c
75c and \$1.00 belt buckles for ... 50c

Bargain Basement Specials

FOR ALL THE TIME.
Fancy Shell Hair Pins, 10 and 15c values. While they last, each 1c.

5000 yards cotton goods, remnants. Choice 5c a yard.

Including ginghams, challies, lawns, points, crash, percales and figured reps. Some up to 20c the yard.

Ladies' shirt waists, white and colored, value \$1.00, each 48c.

Ladies' striped waist skirts, each 25c.

Misses' fast black ribbed cotton hose, value 10c, pair 5c.

Ladies' fast black cotton hose, 3 pair for 25c.

Ladies' ribbed vests, each 5c.

Children's ribbed vests, each 5c.

Infant's and children's cotton hose, all colors, pair 12 1-2c.

Men's 1-2 hose, black and tan, pair 7 1-2c.

Ladies' lawn kimonos, each 15c.

18x30 in. bleached Turkish Towels, each 10c.

White and red table damask, yard 10c.

\$2.00 GRADE LADIES' WOOL CHEVIOT SKIRTS, BLACK, NAVY AND BROWN, 79c.

Special Underpriced Sale of Boys' and Girls' Spring Coats

A spring top coat is a necessity for the next two months—it's a desirable garment for summer evenings or for the canyons. It's an ideal garment for the fall months for street or school wear. This sale is well worth your investigation as you will certainly save a part of the regular price by buying now.

50 Girl's Reefers and Jackets
Choice \$9.05

Regular price before this sale, up to \$10.00. About one dozen coats at \$2.95; was \$5.00 and \$6.00.

50 Boys' Reefers Coats
Choice \$3.95

Regular price before this sale, up to \$7.00. About 20 reefers, now \$2.95.

Regular price up to \$6.00. Sale all this week.

Saturday Morning and Afternoon Shoe Specials

We must do the same business between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. that we formerly did between 8 a. m. and 9 p. m.. Therefore these Oxford inducements.

\$3.95—Men's shoes and oxfords, Saturday only, they are regular \$5.00 and the best made at that

\$1.95 Women's oxfords, on bargain tables, all leathers and worth \$3.50 to \$6.00. Splendid bargains.

\$3.95 Women's Oxfords, an extra inducement for early Saturday shopping. This special includes twenty styles of Wright and Peters regular \$5.00 oxfords. All new and received during past two weeks. Saturday only \$3.95.

Misses' and Children's Oxfords and Shoes

Saturday is Children's day and many specials will be found in this department for the little folks.

\$1.95 misses' and children's tan oxfords and pumps—worth \$2.50 and \$3.00.

\$1.00 Infant's Shoes, ankle ties and slippers.

\$2.35—Misses' and Children's shoes in the newest and latest lasts—worth \$3.00—sewed shoes in the best grades made.

\$1.95—Misses' and Children's school shoes. Splendid wearers.